GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:299
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2016
Operationalisation of Anganwadi Centres
Danve Shri Raosaheb Patil

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of approved/sanctioned and operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that various AWCs have not been made operational despite being sanctioned;

(c) If so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise along with the reasons for this gap;

(d) The remedial steps taken by the Government to bridge such gap and improve their functioning; and

(e) Whether the Government proposes to provide employment to widows in AWCs and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 299 FOR 05.08.2016 BY SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE PATIL REGARDING OPERATIONALISATION OF ANGANWADI CENTRES
(a) to (d) : The details of cumulatively sanctioned, operational and non-operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) during the last three years are as under :

Year Number of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) (Cumulative)
Sanctioned Operational Non-Operational
2013-14 1374935 1342146 32789
2014-15 1400000 1346186 53814
2015-16 1400000 1349563 50437

State-wise details are given at Annex-I.
As per Schematic norms of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, Government of India is responsible for the Planning & Policy issues whereas State Governments are responsible for the implementation of the Scheme. The reasons for gap between the sanctioned and operational AWCs across the country are largely due to administrative, procedural and legal delays by the State Governments/UT Administrations. Ministry of Women and Child Development has repeatedly impressed upon the State Governments/UT Administrations to take all required measures for early operationalisation of sanctioned AWCs.
The implementation of ICDS Scheme including operationalisation of AWCs is continuously monitored through prescribed monthly & annual progress reports, reviews, as well as, supervision visits etc. Based on the inputs and feedback received, State Governments/ UT Administrations are advised through letters and review meetings to address the deficiencies and to improve the implementation of the Scheme including operationalisation of AWCs to bridge the gap and improve the functioning of AWCs.
In order to improve the functioning of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), this Ministry in convergence with Ministries of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, had issued a joint guideline to cover construction of 4 lakh AWC buildings in next four years (by 2019) all over the country. Drinking water and sanitation facilities will be provided in these AWCs from the funds available with Panchayati Raj Institutions under 14th Finance Commission.
Under convergence, in the year 2015-16, total number of 29,941 AWC buildings have been approved for construction and 98,048 AWC Buildings have been approved for construction in the year 2016-17.
Further, Ministry has also entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s Vedanta under which the company will construct 4,000 Anganwadi Centre buildings from their own resources in most backward districts of 11 States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh).
(e) : No, Madam, there is no such proposal to provide employment to widows in Anganwadi Centres under consideration of this Ministry. However, as per norms of the ICDS Scheme, Anganwadi Worker and Helper should be a lady from the local village and acceptable in the local community.

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